

Washington, DC – Tuesday, Congressman Harry Teague issued the following statement in reaction to the President's request for \$500 million to deploy 1,200 National Guard troops to the U.S.-Mexico border.

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“The rising violence along the U.S.-Mexico border represents a serious threat to our national security and a danger to the many U.S. citizens that live along the border. I've been fighting to get our National Guard to the border and to give the Border Patrol the tools they need to protect us. The President has heard our call for strategic action, and he's doing the right thing by calling for funding to support placing 1200 national guard on the border. The President has responded to our request and now is the time for Congress to act and provide the necessary funding to secure our border, protect our citizens and preserve our nation's security interests.”

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As Vice Chair of the Congressional Border Caucus, Congressman Harry Teague has consistently called for a robust, comprehensive strategy to address the violence along the border. Last month he called on the President to [send the National Guard to the border](#) address the growing national security threat there and led 50 of his colleagues in [requesting supplemental funding](#) to step up border security, including funding for National Guard on the border. Congressman Teague has also called on President Barack Obama to [convene a White House Summit](#) with the aim of building a policy to address the border violence crisis, ensure that the violence does not spill over into the United States, and help America get back to work building our border economies. Additionally, Teague and his staff have held meetings with ranchers and various border law enforcement agencies to collaborate with them on a strategy to secure our border and keep residents along the border safe.

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